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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN FINANCE MINISTER ATTACKS US AID TO PORTUGAL

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MAIL AND TIMES GAVE FRONT-PAGE
COVERAGE APRIL 24 TO ADDRESS BY ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF PLAN-
NING AND FINANCE ALEXANDER CHIKWANDA TO SCANDINAVIAN INSTITUTE
OF AFRICAN STUDIES AT UPPSALA APRIL 18 ALLEGING PORTUGUESE
MILITARY EFFORT IN AFRICAN COLONIES HAD BEEN SUSTAINED BY NATO
AND PARTICULARLY US "UNDERWRITING OF PORTUGAL'S FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS." MINISTER SAID INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE, SUCH AS
THAT EXERTED BY NORWAY AND DENMARK WITHIN NATO, CAN
INFLUENCE PORTUGAL'S COLONIAL POLICY. ASSERTED MOST IMPORTANT
DIPLOMATIC EFFORT SHOULD BE TO PERSUADE US "TO STOP SUPPORTING
A COUNTRY WHOSE PRIMITIVE AND BRUTAL METHODS SHOULD MAKE THE
AVERAGE AMERICAN VERY ASHAMED." OBSERVING THAT
US STAKE IN "REST OF AFRICA" IS GREATER THAN IN
PORTUGUESE COLONIES, CHIKWANDA SAID IN TERMS
AMERICAN INTERESTS US POLICY NOT UNDERSTANDABLE;
IT WOULD REMAIN FORMIDABLE MILITARY POWER WITHOUT
USE OF AZORES.

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2. PRESS FOCUSED ON FOREGOING BUT CHIKWANDA SENT US FULL TEXT WHICH COVERS RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL. HE COMMENDED ZAPU AND ZANU FOR SUCCESSES IN RHODESIA. URGED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RENDER "PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE" TO ZIMBABWEANS AS LIKELIHOOD OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA NOW MORE REMOTE. REJECTED THEORY ECONOMIC PRESSURES WILL RESULT IN

CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID SYSTEM. "ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY" PRECIPITATE RADICAL CHANGE IS THROUGH

"CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION SUCH AS DISENGAGEMENT FROM TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA BY WESTERN COUNTRIES." OBSERVED ATTITUDE OF WESTERN COUNTRIES NOT ENCOURAGING.

3. CHIKWANDA EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH SCANDINAVIAN ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SCANDINAVIAN ROLE "HAS A LOT OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR HUMANITY;" IT BALANCES AID FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND DEFUSES "IDEOLOGICAL OVERTONES" OF LATTER. COMMENDED SWEDEN PARTICULARLY AS BIGGEST WESTERN DONOR OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LIBRATIO MOVEMENTS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT. IT A BIT UNUSUAL FOR CHIKWANDA TO SPEAK FOR PUBLICATION ABOUT FOREIGN POLITICAL AFFAIRS ON BEHALF GRZ, BUT WHAT HE HAD TO SAY ACCURATELY REFLECTS FUNDAMENTAL ZAMBIAN VIEWS. PRINCIPAL SIGNIFICANCE IS IT ANOTHER OF MANY HIGH-LEVEL REMINDERS OF ZAMBIAN CONVICTION US HOLDS KEY TO REAL MOVEMENT TOWARD SOLUTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM. END CONFIDENTIAL WILKOWSKI

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